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FOR UNDER SECRETARY MAW, ARA - ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN,
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SUBJECT: MARCONA: GOP COMMISSION HARD AT WORK?

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1. AMBASSADOR HAS ATTEMPTED SINCE SUNDAY TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE, CITING MARCONA AS ONE REASON FOR DESIRING MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS NOW SET APPOINTMENT FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 22), THOUGH AMBASSADOR MAY HAVE BRIEF OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH DE LA PUENTE DURING CEREMONIES INVOLVING CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21.

2. MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE LUIS BARUA DID NOT AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED FLY TO NEW YORK OVER THE PAST WEEKEND FOR MEETING JULY 20 WITH NEW YORK BANKERS. IN THIS REGARD, A LOCAL US BANK REPRESENTATIVE HAS INFORMED US THAT MINISTER BARUA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STAY IN LIMA AND TO CONCENTRATE ON SOLUTION TO MARCONA, GULF, AND SPCC CASES.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE CLEAR INDICATIONS (E.G. FROM SENIOR COFIDE OFFICIAL WHO SPOKE WITH EMB OFF EARLY AFTERNOON JULY 20) THAT GOP MARCONA COMMISSION IS NOW MEETING FREQUENTLY IN ATTEMPT REACH EARLY SOLUTION OUTSTANDING
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ISSUES. THESE INDICATIONS REINFORCED BY FACT MINISTER OF

ECONOMY HAS POSTPONED NEW YORK TRIP. IN ANY CASE, MARCONA
TIMETABLE PROBABLY WILL BE CLARIFIED OVER NEXT DAY OR TWO
IN MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER.
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